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VOLUTION OF CHINA.

What Russia Is Doing In the Celestial Empire.

SEARCHES OF AN OHIOAN.

Country Destined to Be the Greatest Market of the World Being Developed Rapidly by the Czar's Subjects.

London, Dec. 23.—John W. Bookwalter of Ohio, who has just returned from a three months' journey through Russia, in an interview said he experienced unusual facilities for observing what is going on in that country.

He traveled 17,000 miles to the furthest of the Transsiberian railway, the end of the line reaching the interior of Afghanistan and to the end of the one penetrating China through Manchuria. All these are now practically completed. Said he:

"Everywhere I found the kindest and most friendly feeling towards America and Americans, and heard my expressions of satisfaction over America's success in our war with Spain. To this there was not a single exception. Wherever I went everything was thrown open to me simply because I was an American."

"America's best open door to Central Asia and China is through Russia. Already all the locomotives and rolling stock on the railways are of American manufacture. Central Asia in the near future be the greatest market in the world for manufacturers of all kinds and our obtaining the virtual monopoly of this market only depends on our retaining the friendship of Russia now has for us."

A great surprise to the world is in preparation in that part of the earth. It will come, I believe, very soon. Many years will elapse before the world will see Russia, England and the combining for the partition of Asia. The very force of circumstances will bring this about. England and Russia will never be able to agree on partition of China between themselves. Still less will they allow the other powers to share with them in spoils of that empire. They will be forced to defend China, which alone is helpless, against the rest of the world, and to share with her the division of Asia."

A FORMIDABLE ALLIANCE.

The alliance of England, Russia and China—of two-thirds of the human race—will be such an alliance as has never yet seen, and it will be one which will give peace to the world for centuries. All its interests will make for peace, and it will be able to dictate terms to the rest of the world.

America has very little to gain by opening door to China. That country is industrial one, and whatever we may now be able to sell to them the rest will soon be able to make for us. One day, and that day is at hand, what ever China buys in the rest of the world will reach through Russia and Central Asia. Russia in the last three years has made more to open the doors of China and England and all the rest of the world has done in 50 years. No one has not seen it with his own eyes. He has the faintest conception of what Russia has done and is still doing.

I have traveled over 1,200 miles of way which she has built from the plain sea to Tashkend, in Turkestan, a branch of this line which runs the northern frontier of India, over the branch which goes from Merv to the border of Afghanistan. This branch was not completed when I was there, but it will be open to traffic next week. There are also Russian lines all along the Persian frontier and extending into that country, either completed or rapidly approaching completion. All the work on these lines has been done by soldiers, who, in this, are not in Russia, as elsewhere, producers.

All this tremendous Asiatic railway system is owned and operated by the government. All the lines are admirably built and splendidly equipped. I saw a bridge across the Amur in Central Asia at a point where the river is three miles wide. It cost 20,000,000 roubles and is the latest piece of engineering work ever accomplished. There is nothing like anywhere else in the world, the celebrated Forth bridge, near Edinburgh, excepted."

Already, thanks to her railways, Russia can at any time pour her armies across the frontiers of India by the routes that Alexander, Tamerlane and Kubla Khan marched to the conquest of eastern Asia. Russia to-day has 25,000,000 reserves, all of whom have served in the army from 18 to 50 years. One-fifth of her population has been drilled and disciplined to military work.

The United States will be committing a woeful mistake if she fails to see the friendship of this great power of the future."

a posse of revenue officers from a raid on moonshiners on the North Carolina border. Seven stills were cut up, thousands of gallons of beer destroyed and three moonshiners captured.

Newspapers Consolidated. Syracuse, Dec. 23.—Contracts have been signed for the consolidation on Jan. 1 of the Syracuse Standard and the Syracuse Post.

A HOODOO LOCOMOTIVE.

Engineer's Chest Burns One Which Is to Be Sold as Scrap.

The remains of the old Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern engine 107 have been shipped to Cincinnati to be sold to the junk dealers. The engine had a remarkable history and has been regarded as a hoodoo for years.

About five years ago just east of Roxobel, O., the engine exploded for some reason, which has never yet been disclosed, and the engineer, Robert Basim, was blown into an adjacent cornfield and instantly killed. The remains of the engine were gathered up and brought to Chillicothe, where they were placed in the "boneyard," along with other wrecks.

A short time after the east end was terrified by the report that the engine was haunted. An engineer who had crossed the "boneyard" after night declared that he had seen the old engineer sitting at the throttle as natural as life. Others saw the same ghastly sight, they claimed, and the terror finally became so great that people were afraid to pass the corner near which the engine stood. Ever since it has been regarded as a hoodoo, although the ghost stories gradually died away. But those who lived near the place will never forget how intense the terror was for a time.

Whether the ghost will accompany the engine to Cincinnati remains to be seen.—Special Cincinnati Enquirer.

MAY EXPORT GRAVEYARDS.

Venezuela Wishes Yankee Ingenuity to Devise Waterproof Iron Affairs.

The National Association of Manufacturers at Philadelphia has received from Randolph Dolge, the manager of its warehouse at Caracas, Venezuela, a request for designs and specifications for an iron graveyard.

The Venezuelan government wishes to reinter the bodies of 25,000 dead. The country is principally flat, and great difficulty has been experienced with graveyards, particularly in Caracas. Heretofore they have been built of stone, but these were not waterproof. The Venezuelans concluded that American ingenuity could solve the problem of the proper care of the dead. They wish the cemeteries placed above the level of the rivers. Iron affairs, ornamental, they believe will answer their purposes.

American architects will be asked to submit designs for iron graveyards. As soon as these are secured they will be submitted to Manager Dolge and by him to Venezuelans. If one of these proves satisfactory, the iron workers of Pennsylvania will be asked to bid for the construction. — Special New York World.

Very True. The Turk—Your American mafias fall far below ours in point of realism.

His Entertainer—Indeed? The Turk—Yes; over here you only make believe to kill the supernumeraries.—New York Journal.

20 Per Cent. Off.

For Saturday only Hoover Bros. will give 20 per cent. off for cash on everything in the store.

CLAIMS

For Fees in Ohio Southern Cases Being Heard

To-day by Judge Richie—Many Marriage Licenses Being Issued.

Judge Richie to-day is bearing the claims of the receivers, attorneys and special masters for fees for work done for the Ohio Southern. Edward K. Stello and J. R. McGrue, of Cincinnati; C. H. Haskell, of Ottawa; Judge Harmon, of Cincinnati, and Hugh T. Mathers, of Sidney, were among those who were before the court in this connection.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Gideon Poberly and Catharine Mater.

James Stoltz and Linda Hockstetter.

Frank Bennett and Anna Speer.

Lincoln A. Cole and E. M. Ingledue.

John McGee and Mary E. Morgan.

Albert F. Weismann and Ella F. Cary.

William J. Best and Mrs. Ella Forney.

Thomas Evans and Mary Jones.

NOTES.

The case of Hoff against Freedman has been continued on account of the illness of attorney Meade.

The jury has been excused until next Wednesday, when the case of Thos. W. Morgan vs. John W. Kirby et al. will be up for hearing.

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TRAVELERS.

Who They Are, Where They Have Been or Are Going.

Limits Abroad and Strangers Within Our City.

C. N. Haskell, of Ottawa, is in the city.

Judge Harmon, of Cincinnati, is in the city.

Will Brown was at Ottawa last evening.

Louis Wiesenthal, of Chicago, is in the city.

John Crumine went to Piqua this morning.

M. E. Davis, of Jackson Centre, is in the city.

Mrs. Clara Kriger is visiting friends at Crestline.

Fred Neely is home from college for the holidays.

Hugh T. Mathers, of Sidney, was in the city.

Mrs. Frances O. McMillen is visiting friends at Massillon.

J. L. Brenner, of Bellefontaine, is registered at the Cambridge.

Frank Black went to Toledo this afternoon to spend Christmas.

Edward K. Stello and J. R. McGrue, of Cincinnati, are in the city.

Mrs. G. Morris and children left last evening for New York City.

Miss Emma Gerberling left last night to visit friends in Chicago.

Samuel Watt, of Sioux City, Iowa, is visiting Robert Watt and family.

Fred Neely is home from Depaw college to spend his Christmas vacation.

Miss Madge Mitchell is home from school in Massachusetts for the holidays.

R. B. Turner, general superintendent of the C. H. & D., was in the city to-day.

Judge Mooney was in the city this morning, en route to St. Marys.

Nicholas Cantiency has returned from a six months' trip and visit in Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kendrick will spend Christmas with relatives in Dayton.

Tom Keville is home from St. Marys Institute, Dayton, to spend the holidays.

Gibson Dildine left this morning for Toledo to spend Christmas with his parents.

Walter Morris, who has been attending college at Gambier, is home to spend the holidays.

Miss Myrtle Crosson, of south Oak street, has returned from a visit with friends in Sandusky.

Mr. and Mrs. Will J. O'Day, of Washington street, are visiting his parents in Elmira, N. Y.

Miss Inez Lowe, who has been attending St. Mary's School, Knoxville, Ill., is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. P. R. Hoagland, of west High street, will leave to-morrow for Warsaw, Ind., to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Barrett, of 788 south Main street, have gone to Marion, Illinois, to spend Christmas.

Miss Nellie Parrett, of LaGro, Ind., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. John McLaughlin, of Greenlawn avenue.

George Taylor, Jr., of Adelbert College, Cleveland, returned home to-day to spend Christmas with his parents.

Harry Allen, who has been attending the Northwestern University, is home to spend his Christmas vacation.

L. W. Barnes and family, of noth Park avenue, will leave to-morrow for Georgetown, Ohio, to spend the holidays.

Read Wallace went to Columbus to-day. After the first of the year he will be located in Pittsburg for several months.

Bernard E. and J. H. A. O'Connor came home last night from St. Gregory's College, Cedar Point, O., to spend the holidays.

Misses Hazel Brown and Agnes O'Connor came home from school at Cedar Grove to-day to spend the holiday vacation.

Thomas Thomas and wife will spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. C. F. Yakey, in Lima.—Sidney News.

Miss Frances E. Baker, one of the high school teachers, left last night for New York City, where she will spend her vacation.

Miss Nella Richie returned home yesterday afternoon for the holidays from Wellesley, Mass., where she has been attending school.

Harold R. Gibson, of south Jackson street, left this afternoon for Piqua, to attend the funeral of a friend, which takes place to-morrow.

Miss Ida Lichtenstader, whose future as a pianist is extremely promising, is home from her studies in Cincinnati, for a Christmas recreation.

Mrs. Rev. T. P. Johnston, of east High street, is enjoying a visit from Mr. W. D. McCracken, of Cincinnati, and Miss Mattie McCracken, of Pittsburg.

H. H. Geyer of Mankato, Minn., is spending the day with his sister, Mrs.

E. R. Scott, of east High street, on his way home to spend the holidays at Pomeroy, O.

L. H. Beall, Jr., returned home from Dennison university last night, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Beall, of 923 St. Johns avenue.

Mrs. Gertrude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Finley, is home from Washington, where she is attending a young ladies' school. She will remain until after the holidays.

Messrs. Harry and Charles Durnbaugh are home from Rochester, N. Y., to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Durnbaugh of south Main street.

E. Stuckey and son, Elwood, of south Union street, will leave to-night for Oil City, Pa., where they will spend Christmas and New Year with his son, Arthur, and daughter, Mrs. W. E. McCray.

Lieut. Don M. Baxter, of the United States marine service, has been on duty with the guard over Spanish prisoners at Portage, N. H., arrived home this morning to spend the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Baxter.

Frank Gardner, representing a prominent monument firm of Adrian, Mich., who has been in Cincinnati erecting a \$50,000 vault for Fleischmann, the yeast manufacturer, stopped over in this city yesterday to visit his brother, C. J. Gardner, of east Linden street.

A heavy train of loaded coal cars while running at a high rate of speed was derailed by a broken axle on one of the cars on the forward part of the train. The broken iron caught underneath the rails at a small culvert and literally stripped them from the roadbed. The cars on the rear having nothing to guide them bumped over the ties and soon the rails on the other track were torn from the ties. Before the engineer could make an effort to check the train it had been separated in a dozen places and the cars were scattered along the road for nearly half a mile. The crew escaped by jumping. The coal was spilled over the track and before the cars could be removed it was necessary for the wrecking crew to replace the rail.

A wrecking crew was called, but owing to the damage to the track and the dense fog in which prevailed little progress toward clearing the way could be made until after the fog lifted.

The wreck occurred about 10 o'clock in the morning and the track was not cleared so that trains could pass until seven hours afterwards.

THE RAILROADS.

Traffic on the P., Ft. W. & C. Delayed by a Wreck.

A C. & E. Engine Leaves the Track Near Marion—Other News.

The four tracks of the P., Ft. W. & C. road at Fair Oaks, sixteen miles west of Pittsburg, were completely blocked for twelve hours yesterday on account of a remarkable wreck. It was unattended by any serious injuries to persons, but delayed all the through trains and caused damage which will require thousands of dollars to repair.

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FIREMAN INJURED.

George Shoemaker, a C. H. & D. fireman, while stepping from his engine which was standing in the round house at Dayton Wednesday, fell into the pit and severely bru

DON'T WORRY.

In a recent sermon Cardinal Gibbons invoked his hearers to be active and industrious, but to avoid excessive solitude, worry and trouble of mind; to think not of the cares of the morrow, but make the best possible out of the present. Cardinal Gibbons sermon was in part as follows: "I do not pretend to read your hearts, but I venture to say there is scarcely a member of the congregation who is not agitated by some vain hope or fear. Each of you has his daily round of cares, which flow and ebb like the tides. As soon as one care subsides another rises in your heart in endless succession. Those of you who are more favored in your temporal condition may be preoccupied by the rise and fall in stocks. Those of you who are in moderate circumstances are solicitous about your future wants for the decent support of life. Others are anxious about the result of a lawsuit or of some impending event on the issue of which you imagine your future happiness depends. Some of you again are fretful and uneasy about the recovery of a sick friend or member of your household."

"Now, the Christian religion, established to prepare us for future bliss in the world to come, contributes at the same time to our happiness in this life. Let me set before you the beautiful exhortation of our Savior on this subject in His Sermon on the Mount: 'Be not solicitous for your life, what you shall eat, nor for your body, what you shall put on. Is not the life more than the food and the body more than the raiment?'

"But you will say, if God has such an eye to our wants; if His providence watches over us, may we not fold our arms, sit down idly and do nothing? May we not even squander what we possess? May not the capitalist hoard up his treasures and give no employment to others? May not the son of toil frequent the tavern and read the papers all day and enjoy a perpetual holiday?"

"God forbid that while you are admonished to avoid extreme of solicitude you should fall into the other extreme of idleness and improvidence. If our Lord points out to you the care His Heavenly Father takes of you, He expects of you at the same time to co-operate with Him. God helps those who help themselves. It is true, indeed, that God feeds the birds of the air, but He does not deposit the bird's breakfast in her nest. The bird must rise early to find it. The early bird catches the worm. It is true that God crowns the mountains with forest trees and enriches the bowels of the earth with coal and other mineral deposits, but it is equally true that this wood and coal cannot be of service to men without hard and patient toil. It is true God gives fecundity to the earth so that it produces grain of all kinds for the nourishment of man, but it is equally true that before those crops can be utilized man must cultivate the soil, plant the seed, reap it and gather into barns."

"Be not solicitous for to-morrow, for to-morrow will be solicitous for itself. 'Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.' Do not derange the order of Divine Providence by superadding to the care of to-day the solicitudes of to-morrow, which are often imaginary or magnified by the imagination. Like a skillful general, such as Dewey and Schley, concentrate your powers on the formidable enemy that confronts you now. Do not scatter your forces by striving at the same time to encounter an enemy yet afar off, and who may never approach you. Hope in the Lord and do good, and He will give you the desires of your heart."

You Should Know

What Hood's Sarsaparilla has power to do for those who have impure and impoverished blood. It makes the blood rich and pure, and cures scrofula, salt rheum, dyspepsia, catarrh, rheumatism, nervousness. If you are troubled with any ailment caused or promoted by impure blood, take Hood's Sarsaparilla at once.

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Many feathers, half price at Miss. W. F.

Dolls at your own price to-night and to-morrow at Carroll & Cooney's.

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Are features peculiar to Hood's Pills. Small in size, tasteless, efficient thorough. As the man said: "You never know you have taken a pill till it is all over." Co. C. I. Hood & Co., Proprietors, Lowell, Mass.

Hood's
Pills

The only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

KLIME'S STATEMENT.

Denies That He Tipped Off the Supreme Court Decision to the Trust. Cleveland, Dec. 23.—Mr. Virgil P. Kline, attorney for the Standard Oil company, made the following statement:

"My attention has been called to a printed statement to the effect that previous to the decision of the supreme court, I, as attorney for the Standard Oil company, spent several days in Columbus; and it is intimated that I received a 'tip' beforehand in regard to the court's decision, and at once notified the officials of the Standard Oil company. That statement is an absolute falsehood and an insult to the court."

"There is no truth in any part of it, save that I spent a part of one forenoon in Columbus with Mr. Neal preparing a brief in the case.

"The statement given out that the company has destroyed any of its books of account for the purpose of evading the order of the court is equally false."

Talked to Italian Tots.

New York, Dec. 23.—Colonel Roosevelt talked to nearly 400 little Italians in the Children's Aid society school. The children sang for Colonel Roosevelt, and then the colonel told them about his regiment. The bugler, he said, was an Italian, and was so brave that after he had had the fingers of his hand shot away so that he could not bugle any more, he had spent the rest of the day carrying the wounded from the field. In conclusion the colonel exhorted them to be good, clean and ready to fight if need be.

Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound onto the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by Melville, the druggist, old postoffice corner, and Heister's drug store, 58 public square.

NOTE WELL THE
NOTIONS.

Those little things told about in little type, touching which every line is of interest. Something you need is here; suppose you look for Handkerchiefs, Pocket-books, Feather Collars, Silk Collars, Fancy Hose, Combs, Brushes, Fancy Ribbons, Laces and Kid Gloves. All of these can be had at this store, and a good selection to select from.

G. E. BLUEM,
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Cream, Milk and Butter

For your Christmas dinner at the Lima Dairy Co. Both 'Phones 155. 83t

To Survey Porto Rican Coast.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 23.—The coast and geodetic survey steamer "Blaze" left for Porto Rican waters. Her departure marks the beginning of work by this government in the new possessions this being the first expedition sent to any of these islands for the purpose of making surveys. Most of the Spanish possessions have been poorly charted, and the coast lines of Puerto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines contain many good harbors of which little is known. Accurate surveys of these harbors will be made by the government at once.

Was He Shot by a Paif?

Quincy, Mass., Dec. 23.—The most peculiar shooting affair which has ever been brought to the attention of the police of this city occurred at the winter home of John Shaw, when a robber, who had plundered the house, lost his life. The whole affair is very mysterious, as the occupants of Mr. Shaw's house declare that they heard no shot fired and did not know that their home had been entered until the body of a man was found by a servant who was the first in the house to arise.

Sailed for Cuba.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 23.—The third and last battalion of the Tenth Infantry, United States army, sailed from this port for Cuba on the Ward line steamer Saratoga. The detachment of the Tenth was 43 men strong and was commanded by Captain Duggan, United States army.

NOW QUITE HABITABLE

Sanitation in Santiago City
Vastly Improved.

GENERAL PORTER'S REPORT.

With the Aid of the Law, Disinfectants
Bulbs and Cars the Filth of
Age Has Been Removed
From the Streets.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Robert B. Porter, special commissioner for the United States to Cuba and Porto Rico, has returned from Santiago and has submitted his report to the secretary of the treasury.

The disagreeable smells of the typical Cuban city, the report says, are less pronounced in Santiago, while whitewash, lime-wash, fresh paint and all sorts of disinfectants have deodorized the surrounding atmosphere and made the old town quite habitable.

The streets are no longer used as sewers, and the unhappy individual who violates the law and escapes the lash of the sanitary commissioner's whip is compelled to work on the streets for 30 days. This official, Mayor Barbour, with 125 men dressed in spotless white, and 32 mule teams and carts, having dug out from the streets of Santiago the filth of ages, is now able to keep them absolutely clean. Every day, by the aid of petroleum, the garbage of the city is burned. The work of sanitation is not confined to the streets, but extends to the dwelling houses, shops and buildings of all other kinds.

To accomplish this, however, the doors of houses had to be smashed in, and people making severs of thoroughfares were publicly horsewhipped in the streets. Eminently respectable citizens were forcibly brought before the commanding general and sentenced to aid in cleaning the streets they were in the habit of defiling. The campaign has ended in a complete surrender to the military authorities, and the inhabitants of Santiago, regardless of class, have had their first object lesson in the new order of things inaugurated by the war. Several important streets have been repaired, and all the public buildings have been thoroughly cleaned, the work even extending to the opera house.

The law courts, which were abolished when General Shafter took the city, have been reorganized. The supreme court is composed of carefully selected Cuban judges, the appointed nominated wholly on account of legal attainments. The Bar association of the province having been consulted as to the character and qualifications of the new judges.

In the same manner local government has been restored, and native mayors and officials appointed, the only requirement being that persons accepting such offices shall take the oath recognizing the military occupation of the island by the United States, but in no way committing them to any future form of government.

The Spanish when in possession in Cuba not only assumed absolute control of the judiciary, but of the municipal government, the larger portion of the taxes raised for municipal purposes being diverted, with the other revenues, in channels which says the report, either led to Spain or into Spanish pockets.

Mr. Porter advises that these taxes hereafter must be used exclusively for local purposes, and as far as may be deemed practicable, that they be collected and disbursed by properly constituted local authorities. The rural districts of Santiago have been poorly charted, and the coast lines of Puerto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines contain many good harbors of which little is known. Accurate surveys of these harbors will be made by the government at once.

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Charleston, S. C., Dec. 23.—The remains of Lieutenant Commander Sumner C. Paine, United States navy, retired, who died here, were taken to Washington. He was executive officer of Commodore Dewey's flagship, the Olympia, just previous to the beginning of the late war.

Coal Miners Out.

Dalton, O., Dec. 23.—The coal miners of the Athens Coal company have come out on a strike, owing to dissatisfaction culminating out of the present system of docking used by the company in their endeavor to thoroughly clean their coal for the market.

Steamer Andes Ashore.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 23.—The steamer Andes of the Atlas line went ashore here. The high winds and heavy seas prevailing will probably cause the Andes to be a total loss if the tugs fail to pull her off.

Barrel Makers Assn.

Buffalo, Dec. 23.—Peter Gior of the firm of E. & F. Gior, barrel makers, filed a petition in bankruptcy, showing liabilities amounting to over \$50,000 with no assets.

Barrel Makers Assn.

MAKE IT PUBLIC.

Publicity Counts.
That's What
The People Want.

LIMA'S EXPRESSION ON THIS
SUBJECT.

Make it public.
Tell the people about it.
Gratitude promotes publicity.
They tell their neighbors—tell their friends.

The news is too good to keep.
Everybody should know about the little conqueror.

"Bad Backs" are numerous.

So few understand the cause.
Many Lima people are learning.

And better still, they're being cured.

Lame backs are lame no more.

Weak ones regain their strength.

This is the everyday labor in Lima.

Of Dean's Kidney Pills.

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Mr. W. S. Rusk, of 919 W. Spring

St., employed at Holland's Grocery, Cor. Main and High Sts., says: "Three or four years ago I commenced to be troubled with pains in my back, but as they were not very severe I did not pay much attention to them, but after I had a severe fall of twenty-five feet the trouble was greatly aggravated and caused me a great deal of bother. There were constant, dull aching pains across the small of my back; I could not rest comfortably in any position, and never felt rested when I arose in the mornings. Feeling compelled to do something to better my condition, when I was advised to use Dean's Kidney Pills I went to W. M. Melville's drug store and got a box. The first few doses benefitted me and before finishing the box the aches and pains left me entirely. I cannot speak too highly of Dean's Kidney Pills and always recommend them to my friends and acquaintances when opportunity arises."

Dean's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers; price 50 cents a box. Mailed on receipt of price by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S.

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La Grippe Cured.

MRS. AGNES TOOPS, 911 Hazel St., Danville, Ill., writes:

My little boy was sick three weeks with the grippe, a heavy cold settled on his lungs, he had a terrible hacking cough. I tried a great many remedies with no effect. I was finally induced to try FOLEY'S HONEY and TAR. It effected a prompt and permanent cure. He was able to return to school in one week. FOLEY'S HONEY and TAR gives immediate relief and is a permanent cure for la grippe. Sold by H. F. VORTKAMP.

HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS.

Special Rates via Pennsy Irvana Lines for Christmas and New Year.

Owing to Christmas and New Year falling on Sunday, and the observance of those holidays to occur on Monday as a rule, the annual custom of the Pennsylvania Lines to grant special rates will this season cover two extra days. Excursion tickets may be obtained of these lines December 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 30th and 31st, 1898, and January 1st and 2nd, 1899. Tickets for adults will not be sold at less than 25 cents, nor for children at less than 15 cents. The return limit on tickets sold at special rates on the dates will be Tuesday, January 3rd, 1899. For special information about rates, time of trains, etc., please apply to nearest Ticket Agent of the Pennsylvania Lines.

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Maud—And so Gladys married for

love?

Mabel—Yes but she fell in love with a rich man.

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There Is a Class of People

Who are injured by the use of coffee.

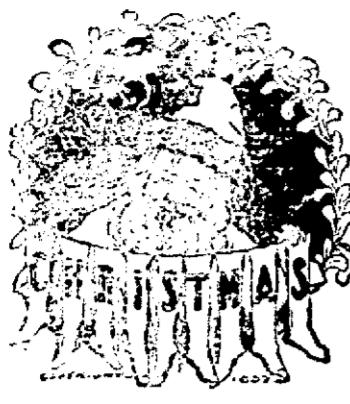
Recently this has been placed in all the

coffee stores a preparation called

GRAN-0, made of marshmallow root,

the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost 25 cents a box, and it may drink it with great benefit. It is a real coffee, etc. per</

MAKING A LIST RESENTS



RE GOING TO BUY FOR CHRISTMAS
HEAD YOUR LIST AS FOLLOWS:

1dpa
pair of Gooding's comfortable Slippers.

1dma
pair of Gooding's Warm Lined Shoes.

1er
pair of Gooding's fine Kid Hand-turned Romeoos.

1her
pair of Gooding's felt, fur lined Romeoos, in black, tan or green.

1son
pair of Gooding's fine Patent Leather Shoes.

1daughter
pair of Gooding's Patent Leather Slippers

1little Boy
pair of Gooding's Rubber Boots.

1little Girl
pair of Gooding's Patent Leather or Felt Slippers.

1Baby
pair of Gooding's Soft Sole Shoes.

ou will be surprised at the amount of satisfactory
you'll have for a small amount of money. We
for you to-day and Saturday at

GOODING'S,
230 North Main Street.

**J Two Shopping Days
Before Christmas.**

Practical presents can be found in many of our
various departments. Our stocks are complete.
Our prices are very low. Read on.

Goods.

Handkerchiefs.

Always appropriate, always acceptable and useful. As the Holidays draw near, our Handkerchief business assumes immense proportions — the natural result of the splendid values offered during the whole year. This season's offerings are better than ever before.

**Miscellaneous
Items for
Holiday
Presents.**

Fascinators, large size, 25 and 50c. Hosiery for men, women and children.

Suspender for men and boys.

Ladies' Dress Skirts.

Underwear for men, women and children.

White Aprons. Corsets.

Bed Spreads. Auglaize Blankets.

Home-made Comforts.

Lace Curtains. Portieres.

Gold Rings for children.

Photo Frames, 20, 23 and 25c.

Triple Mirrors.

Unlaunched White Shirts.

Collars and Cuffs.

Silk Handkerchiefs. Mufflers.

Kid Mittens for ladies and children.

Wool Mittens for ladies and children.

many Kid Gloves will be counters to serve as holiday perfection is imper- goods purchased for pres- ying public in Lima and us to very generally appre- ciation of the P. & P. for which we are agents in have them in black, brown, red and tan. Every pair is to give satisfaction.

1TZ BROS. & CO.

DIVORCE ASKED For by a Well Known Singer

Geneva Johnstone-Bishop, the well known singer, yesterday filed her petition in the common pleas court at Marion, Ohio, praying for a divorce from her husband, Dr. Rufus Bishop, of Chicago.

Some ten years since Mrs. Bishop, then Mrs. Johnstone, took up her residence in the Windy city. There she met Dr. Rufus Bishop, a leading physician of Chicago. Their acquaintance ripened into love and soon they wedded. Their married life up to about a year ago, was apparently, all serene. At about that time Mrs. Bishop moved her household goods to Marion and took up her residence at the home of her parents in order to acquire a legal residence in that city. It soon became known about that all was not sunshiny between Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, but as Mrs. Bishop assumed the silence of the sphinx the true inwardness of the matter is not known.

At present Mrs. Johnstone-Bishop is in Washington, where she will spend the holidays, and sing Christmas day at the church attended by the president.

Dr. Bishop, it is understood, will not make any defense.

COMMENDABLE

Sacrifice by S. S. Children.

The Congregational Sunday school have decided to make their Christmas treat this year one of contributing to the needs of poor children rather than of receiving gifts for themselves. A committee will be at the church Monday to receive contributions of clothing, food, toys, etc., which will be distributed judiciously Tuesday to deserving poor families. The general public are cordially invited to contribute to this undertaking and so help bring Christmas joy and cheer to the homes of the poor.

'Tis Midnight.

Hark! All through the house rings the awful sound, once heard never forgotten, the sound of a child's croup cough. There is no time to lose. Croup is a monster that will not be trifled with. Then is the time that if you have neglected to provide your self with a bottle of Dr. Hanl's Cough and Croup Medicine you fully realize how careless and neglectful you have been. It is worth its weight in gold at that critical moment. And yet it costs only 25c. a bottle at any drug store.

SHAWNEE NEWS.

Trouble with the Rusler Well.

Miss Blanch Hover and Mr. Dilly, of Lima, spent Sunday evening with Miss Anna Hover.

E. T. Lippincott, of Beaver Dam, attended preaching at Shawnee last Sunday.

Rev. Albright will preach an educational sermon at Shawnee next Sunday morning.

Mrs. John Mayer, who has been suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia, is very poorly at this writing.

W. H. Bowersock, of Allentown, visited A. Lehman and wife last Sunday.

A large sled load of young people attended preaching at Allentown last Saturday evening.

H. M. Sawyer, who is teaching the Helmer school, spent Sunday with his family in Ada.

The Ohio Oil Co. is having considerable trouble with their No. 1 on the Rusler farm, having drilled three water wells and put in the third string of drive pipe.

Charles Stults visited his father in Paulding county last Monday.

The Shawnee Epworth League nominated officers last Sunday evening. The election will take place New Year's evening.

Success comes to those who persevere. If you take Hood's Sarsaparilla faithfully and persistently, you will surely be benefited.

BOUGHT IT AT HARMAN'S. This expression can always be made with satisfaction. No house in Lima carries the line of fine goods that this house does, and in the medium trades only those made by thoroughly reliable people are sold here. You can get a good, plain article here if you want it, or you can get the best in the land and always at the right price. Everything is MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES.

In these days when your time is limited and you want to send your friends something that will please them, you can find what you want at F. E. Harman's.

KID GLOVES.

Centemani Kid Gloves are the best. On sale in Lima only at Carroll & Cooney's.

OUR HOME-GROWN CUT FLOWERS—ROSES, CARNATIONS, VIOLETS, HYACINTHES, NARCISSUS, etc., are far superior to shipped-in flowers, bought elsewhere. Leave your orders early and secure the best flowers in the market at a lower price than ever sold for at this time of the year.

LIMA FLORAL CO.

1TZ Gooding's Shoe Store open evenings until Christmas.



THE EXCELLENCE OF SYRUP OF FIGS

is due not only to the originality and simplicity of the combination, but also to the care and skill with which it is manufactured by scientific processes known to the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP Co. only, and we wish to impress upon all the importance of purchasing the true and original remedy. As the genuine Syrup of Figs is manufactured by the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP Co. only, a knowledge of that fact will assist one in avoiding the worthless imitations manufactured by other parties. The high standing of the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP Co. with the medical profession, and the satisfaction which the genuine Syrup of Figs has given to millions of families, makes the name of the Company a guarantee of the excellence of its remedy. It is far in advance of all other laxatives, as it acts on the kidneys, liver and bowels without irritating or weakening them, and it does not gripe nor nauseate. In order to get its beneficial effects, please remember the name of the Company—

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
LOUISVILLE, KY.
NEW YORK, N. Y.

CHRISTMAS UMBRELLAS.

Late Arrivals. A fine assortment of Christmas Umbrellas came in today and were put on sale at once at popular prices. We have never offered better values than these before. Umbrellas for men and Umbrellas for ladies.

G. E. BLUEM,
57 Public Square.

Taken From Home and Killed.

Pocomoke City, Md., Dec. 23.—John E. Turner, a highly respected colored man of this place, was taken from his home by two unknown men and brutally murdered. The affair has caused intense excitement among both white and colored and should the murderers be caught, fears of lynching are entertained.

New Rubber Trust.

New York, Dec. 23.—A new combination of some of the leading rubber firms in the United States is now in process of formation and is expected to be complete in about a week. It is understood the organization will have a capital of \$30,000,000. Charles R. Flint has charge of the organization.

Special Sale, 14th to 24th, at The Metropolitan.

25-5c Cigars for 75c.

Fine Pianos Coming.

Miss Anna L. Cox, 686 south Main street, will receive a large consignment of Weber pianos early in January, between the first and fifteenth. Persons who contemplate the purchase of a piano should wait for the arrival of these elegant instruments. She also has on hand a number of fine Starr pianos.

With Horses and Mules.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—The bark Teoma, with 111 horses and mules, besides a lot of material, sailed for Honolulu and the Philippines. She will stop at Honolulu and take on the animals she left there on her last trip and leave some of her present cargo there instead.

Tried to Hang His Wife.

Cleveland, Dec. 23.—Joseph Graff, a moulder, made a desperate attempt to hang his own wife in her bedroom. The woman escaped after being severely handled. She was accused of being untrue. Later the husband was soaked in police court to the full limit of the law.

Turf Winners.

At New Orleans—Great Bend, Queen of Song, Eagle Fields, Clay Pointer, Biggs.

The Weather.

For West Virginia and Ohio—Colder; brisk west to northeast winds.

For Indiana—Fair; westerly winds.

Now is the Time

To buy your Christmas Shoes and Slippers at

GOODING'S,
230 North Main St.

SILKS.

Haskell Silks are on sale in Lima only at Carroll & Cooney's. A written guarantee with every yard they sell.

BARGAIN COLUMN.

A Partial List

Of many useful gifts is found below that may aid the late ones in making a selection for Christmas. Only a partial list can be given, but qualities are to be found here that will be sure to suit the sum you may want to expend.

\$1.00 to \$2.00.

House Wrapper.

House Jacket.

Shoulder Shawl.

Fur Set.

Cashmere Shawl.

Evening Shawl.

\$2.00 to \$5.00.

Ladies' Cape.

Fur Scarf.

Fur Collarette.

Ladies' Mackintosh.

Childs' Mackintosh.

Ladies' Dress Skirt.

Ladies' Silk Waist.

\$5.00 to \$7.50.

Silk Petticoat.

Tapestry Curtains.

Brussels Curtains.

Madras Curtains.

Fur Muffs.

Childs' Jacket.

Ladies' Jacket.

57 PUBLIC SQUARE.

SMITH,
GROCER
218 N. Main.

Christmas Trees, Holly Ground Pine Wreathings Sold
by the yard. Nuts and Candy of all kinds at low
prices.

COFFEES.

The largest and most complete stock in the city. Those who appreciate fine coffees should see what we have. Ask to see our famous 12 1-2c coffee and also our choice mixture at 25c.

LIMA TEA CO.

Now is the time to lay in your winter supply of the BEST COAL in the town at a low price. Call or see

Bell Phone 371.
New Phone 384.

HARRY RUMPLE,
New Buffalo Street Scales.

at 112 North Elizabeth Street.

School Shoes for Misses and Children, in Dongo and Kangaroo Calf, that will wear well and look well, at

W. H. Neise's.

A NEW BRAND OF Silica Gravel Roofing

Is selling rapidly at our store for

\$2.00 PER SQUARE.

A bargain in this kind of roofing. Come and see it.

W. A. SMITH, 200 South Main St.

Cigars, 12 and 25 in a box, for Xmas trade at the Metropolitan.

LOCAL TIME CARD.

P. & F. W. & C. R. R.
EASTBOUND FROM LIMA.

No. 6	7:25 a.m.

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TO-MORROW

Is the last day before Christmas has and the stores will be crowded. Be wise and do your purchasing to day, you will get better attention at the store, a better assortment to select from—you still have the pick of the pile and needn't take what is left from other's choosing. You can buy as cheap to day as you will to morrow, and you can buy with more satisfaction to yourself.

5 dozen fine Cashmere Mufflers the 75c quality, for 49c.

The Lima Clothing Co.
215 & 217 NORTH MAIN ST.

THE TIMES-DEMOCRAT.

Issued Every Evening Except Sunday

THE TIMES-DEMOCRAT PUBL'S CO.

OFFICE—TIMES BUILDING,
No. 221 North Main Street, Lima, O.
TELEPHONE CALL, No. 84.



Practically all the post offices and other official pep has been given out and congressmen from this time on will give their time and attention to public business.

It is said that since McKinley has been president Speaker Reed has been just four times to the White House, each time strictly on official business. Moreover, it is said by his friends that he has never asked a favor, either in the matter of patronage or otherwise, holding that the executive ought to consult him in such matters so far as they affect the state of Maine, which he has not seen fit to do.

The vigorous protest of President Gompers, of the Federation of Labor, against the annexation of the Philippines, has been endorsed by the organization of which he is the head. At a meeting of the executive committee, held last Wednesday, the following resolution was adopted by an almost unanimous vote:

"Whereas, As a result of the recent war with Spain, a new and far-reaching policy, known as imperialism or expansion, is about to thrust upon us a large standing army and an autocratic navy, this convention offers its protest and calls upon its officers to use all their power to defeat it."

OHIO GOLD FIELDS.

Prof. N. W. Lord, who for fifteen years has been making a study of the geological formations of Ohio, says to people who think there is gold in the hills of the Buckeye State that the best thing they can do is to go along with their business as though it had never been thought of, because no fortunes will be made in Ohio mines. There is no possibility of their paying, even if there are any such mines. Prof. Lord has had wide experience in mining operations, and his opinion should have weight.

TIDBITS.

Strange to say Hiteboek is not an Ohio man.

The Christmas shopping season is nearing the goal line.

Probably this is the section of autumn that went astray.

In some cases it is a man with a bundle, in others it is a bundle with a man.

Quite a number of happy couples are receiving marriage licenses from Santa Claus Robb.

R. A. M. Notice.

Special meeting of Lima Chapter No. 42, R. A. M., this evening. Work in the P. M. and M. E. M. degrees. C. F. J. LARSH, H. P. WILLIAMS, L. D. COLE.

Only 8c To-morrow

To and including Saturday night

Old Mission naval oranges guaranteed unfrosted.

Gooding's Shoe Store open every day until Christmas.

CAPTURE

Made by Officer Roney
Proves to Be One of Considerable Importance.

Landy Evans, Alias Hammond, Is Wanted at Marion, Ind., on a Charge of Grand Larceny.

The one armed colored man who is identified as Landy Evans, alias Landy Hammond, who escaped from patrolmen Conaway and Phalen night before last night, when the colored woman, Ida Weaver, who had been with him, was arrested on suspicion, was captured by patrolman Roney in Jackman's saloon at Central avenue and Wayne street, yesterday afternoon, and the arrest promises to be an important one.

Chief Watts understood that a man answering the prisoner's description was wanted at Indianapolis for highway robbery and he telephoned to the superintendent of police in that city for information. This morning he received a reply stating that Landy Evans was wanted at Marion, Ind. A telegram was sent to the chief of police of that city and this afternoon a reply was received stating that the man was wanted there on a charge of grand larceny and that an officer would be sent here to take charge of the prisoner.

Evans is known to have had considerable money while in Findlay and while in this city before he was arrested, but when he was searched yesterday no money was found in his possession.

TWO DRUNKS

Edward Scanlon and Thomas Cantwell, both strangers, were arraigned before Mayor Prophet this morning on charges of drunkenness. Cantwell went to the county jail yesterday and demanded to be allowed to see some of the prisoners. Sheriff Bogart refused to admit him, but he insisted and the sheriff seeing that he was so anxious to get behind the bars escorted him to the police station where he was locked up. Both Cantwell and Scanlon pleaded guilty and were sent to the city work house in default of \$6.00 each.

CLAIMS HE WAS HELD UP.

Last evening it was reported that Wm Sutton, of the Hotel Warden, of Newark, O., who is visiting friends in this city, had been held up on north Central avenue about 12 o'clock the night before and robbed of a gold watch and chain, a K. of P. charm and \$16 in money. It was also claimed that Sutton reported the robbery to Lieut Burns night before last and to Chief Watts yesterday morning, but both of these officers assert that no report of any such robbery was made.

BOOKS ARE MISSING.

Last evening the police received a letter from Prof. Lehr, of the Ada Normal School, requesting them to locate a couple of students who came to this city and ascertain if they had \$42 worth of books that were stolen from the school. The young men were found stopping at the Burnett house and their grips were searched, but none of the books were found.

20 Per Cent. Off.

For Saturday only Hoover Bros. will give 20 per cent. off for cash on everything in the store.

COLORED CITIZENS

WILL Meet Monday Evening.

All colored citizens who are interested in the welfare of their race, are requested to meet at the A. M. E church at 8 o'clock Monday evening. A meeting was held Monday night for the purpose of discussing the race problem, and to arrange to send a delegate to Washington the last of this month, when the question of proper protection for the Afro American race and other grievances will be presented to congress. Job Bishop was selected as the delegate from Allen county. Arthur Harrison, who was chosen president of the local body, has called the meeting for Monday evening, and a good attendance is desired.

BLACK CREPONS.

A special selection of Black Crepon Dress Goods which just came in for the holiday. Beautiful designs at \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50 per yard.

G. E. BLUERM, 57 Public Square.

20 Per Cent. Off.

For Saturday only Hoover Bros. will give 20 per cent. off for cash on everything in the store.

Only 8c To-morrow.

Townsend's home made mince meat

FOR HOLIDAYS.

You can get the SAN-FELICE, 25 in a box, from your dealer.

Beginning Christmas, my Sunday office hours will be from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. 9 1/2 Dr. COLLINS

Buy your mixed nuts of Dimond Bros. and get all fresh new nuts.

20 Per Cent. Off.

For Saturday only Hoover Bros. will give 20 per cent. off for cash on everything in the store.

Nothing finer for a holiday gift than PAIRS. We have them in all sizes, come early, and get the best.

LIMA FISHING CO.

CHOICE FOH \$1.00. More than 100 articles, worth much more, placed on a special table. Your choice of the lot for \$1.00, at F. E. Harman's.

Cheapest

Turkeys, Ducks, Geese and Chickens at Townsend's market.

Catheryn Reiner, experienced nurse, 715 east Linden street. Both phones, No. 40. 9 1/2

PATHFINDERS

Held Their Semi-Annual Election of Officers.

Installation and Banquet to be Held Thursday, January 5th.

At the regular meeting of Ontario Lodge No. 11 of the Pathfinder order in the Donez hall, last night, the semi-annual election of officers was held. The following were elected:

Past president, E. E. Langley, president, J. W. Porter, vice president, J. H. Breo, chaplain, Mrs. Treacie Breo; secretary, Dr. G. W. Foltz, treasurer, F. W. Cook, sergeant-at-arms, S. H. Martin, guide, M. E. Deweese, inner guard, Henry Emrick, outer guard, F. J. Woerner, musician, C. H. Bogardus, trustees—one year, Dr. T. K. Jacobs; two years, J. H. Breo; three years, S. H. Martin.

The installation will be held on the first meeting night in the new year—Thursday, January 5th. The installation will be followed by a banquet.

SILKS.

New Silks for ladies' waists at Carroll & Cooney's. They have the largest assortment of nice silks in Lima.

Cream, Milk and Butter

For your Christmas dinner at the Lima Dairy Co. Both phones 155 8 1/2

Oysters Galore.

25c Oysters at Townsend's market.

CHRISTMAS UMBRELLAS.

The Rainbow Umbrella, an Umbrella that is guaranteed for both ladies and gentlemen.

G. E. BLUERM, 57 Public Square.

20 Per Cent. Off.

For Saturday only Hoover Bros. will give 20 per cent. off for cash on everything in the store.

No cold storage goods in Dimond Bros. mixed nuts.

8 1/2

WANTED.

WANTED—Two men. Permanent employment. Call at room 14 Hotel "A" block, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday.

FOR RENT—A cottage of 10 rooms, price \$10 per month. Enquire at 522 West Market street.

WANTED—Girl for general housework at 508 west High street.

FOR RENT—Eight room house on west side of Union street between North and Wayne streets. Enquire of R. W. Miley, 820 North West street.

7 1/2

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For Saturday only Hoover Bros. will give 20 per cent. off for cash on everything in the store.

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WANTED!

Everyone to figure with

THEODORE FEIST,

316 EAST MARKET ST.

FOR LUMBER

Stockholders' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Lima for the election of a board of directors will be held

IT PAYS TO BUY AT ROWLANDS'.

FOR BARGAINS IN . . .

Sideboards.

Rockers.

Couches.

Dinner Sets,

Parlor Suits,

Odd Pieces,

Leather Goods.

DON'T FAIL TO GO TO . . .

J. W. ROWLANDS,

The Reliable Housefurnisher,

204 North Main Street, Lima, Ohio.

Only Two Shopping Days Before Christmas.

Save time and money by going direct to headquarters for all kinds of Toys, Dolls, China-ware, Lamps, Doll Carriages, etc.

Our Economy Basement is filled with choice lines of goods at rock bottom prices.

CHINAWARE. . . .

On our China Table you will find fine Chinaware, priced as you have never seen before. We sell Chinaware with a small dry goods profit, which accounts for the large quantities we sell.

A fine line of Bohemian Glass Vases from 10c up to \$2.25 each.

DECORATED LAMPS.

These Lamps are up-to-date in every important respect. Shapes are newest and best. Decorations are not in the usual cheap, gaudy effects, but tasteful in design and artistic in execution. Prices from 98c up to \$4.48.

BLACKBOARDS

At 38c, 50c and 75c each.

DOLLS. . . .

Eleven inch kid body Doll, bisque heads, with beautiful hair, at 10c each.

Thirteen inch all kid body Doll, extra stout body, bisque head, nice curly hair, stationary eyes, at 25c. Same with moving eyes, 30c. Other kid body Dolls at 45c, 50c, 75c, 98c and \$1.00 each. Dolls with China heads, 5c and 10c. Bisque Doll heads for 18c, 25c, 35c, 48c, 50c, 75c, 98c and \$1.00 each. China Doll Heads for 5c, 10c and 18c.

Doll Cradles at 25c and 49c each.

Doll Swings at 25c each.

Rubber Dolls from 5c up.

Doll Carriages from 25c up to \$2.75 each.

TOYS. . . .

Here you will find something to amuse the little ones. Prices the lowest. Games of all kinds from 5c up to 50c. A, B, C Blocks, Card Games, Building Blocks, Dancing Bears, Baying Donkey, Toy Dishes, Table Croquet Sets, Toy Parlor Furniture, Toy Bed Room Sets, Toy Trunks for Dollies' Clothes, Toy Kitchen, Toy Ranges, Iron Banks, Iron Trains, Fire Engines, Hose Reels, Hook and Ladder Wagons, Ice Wagons, Iron Locomotives, Mechanical Toys, Toy Sad Irons and Stands, Toy Ironing Boards, Toy Laundry Sets, Magic Lanterns, Steam Boats, Steam Wagons, Bellow Toys, Animals with moving heads, Rocking Horses for 50c, Wheelbarrows for 25c, Toy Pianos, Etc., Etc.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS.

FELTZ BROS. & CO.

FOR RENT—Three room good cellar, kitchen and well water. Cafe at 45 North W. street.

NEW Kimball piano for sale. The M. 100, quite new. \$125. Last M. 100, 7 1/2.

FOR SALE—We have a large stock of unpolished and polished woods, lumber which we will sell at reasonable prices. Some will make nice Christmas presents. Such as ladies and gentlemen's gold wavy rings, twirls of all kinds, cabinet, an umbrella, violin, etc. We will build the first class goods and can say you will money. Money loaned on all kinds of personal property.

COFFEE AND TEA SETS, 1000. 1000 West Main street.

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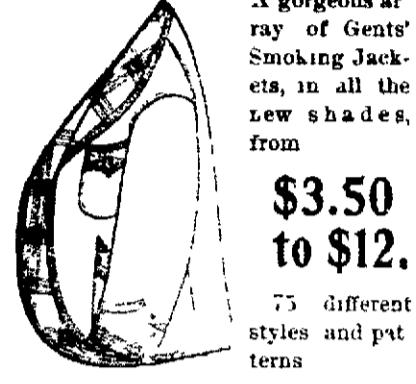


Grand Holiday Sale!

From now until Xmas all of our beautiful and well assorted stock of Holiday Goods in CLOTHING, FURNISHINGS and FOOTWEAR will be offered at a reduction. Special prices on everything. Come now and get the Cream of our stock. Don't wait till the last moment. If you are not quite ready to buy, come in and see what we can show you in STRICTLY UP-TO-DATE Holiday

CLOTHING, FURNISHINGS AND FOOTWEAR.

Holiday Smoking Jackets.



A gorgeous array of Gents' Smoking Jackets, in all the new shades, from \$3.50 to \$12. 75 different styles and patterns.

Pretty Holiday Mufflers.

Our Xmas stock of Holiday Mufflers is unsurpassed by any. Exquisite patterns, in different qualities of silks from

23 cents to \$2.00.

This makes a beautiful Xmas present.

Gentlemen's Night Robes.

In Domet Flannels, Satins, Etc. 48c to \$2.50.



NECKWEAR.

Insufficient space in this ad. does not give us a chance to tell you about the STRICTLY UP-TO-DATE HOLIDAY NECKWEAR from

25c to \$2.00.

Gentlemen's Bath Robes.

From \$5 to 18.

Hundreds of different suitable Holiday presents for gentlemen in our Furnishing Department.



Get Your Money's Worth!



Gentlemen's Holiday Slippers

In new shades, new leathers, new styles, from

75 cents to \$2.00.

Ladies' Holiday Slippers

From 98c Up.

KEEP YOUR



On our Window display for the Holidays. They will keep you posted as to what is the right thing to buy for a

Xmas Present

— IN —

CLOTHING, FURNISHINGS AND FOOTWEAR.



Gentlemen's Holiday Dress Shirts

From 98c to \$2.

Made up in Percales, Cheviots and Madras. All new designs.

Umbrellas.

Our stock of Umbrellas has been replenished with an entirely new

HOLIDAY STOCK

For ladies and gentlemen, from

63c to \$6.00.

Our Furnishing Department

Contains the latest of everything. New ideas in

Handkerchiefs, Gentlemen's Gloves, Suspenders

in fancy boxes.

GENTS' FANCY HOSE

For 23c per pair and up.

HATS.

What more suitable than a pretty Hat to present to a gentleman for an Xmas present? We have them in Stiff Hats, Alpines and Crushes.

Sole agents for the popular

GUYER HAT.

Grand Holiday Sale on Men's Covert Overcoats.



At \$7.50 and \$10.00 you can buy a Swell Overcoat, equal to any sold elsewhere at \$12.50 and 15.00.

\$10.00

Copyright 1898 by The Stein-Bloch Co. For a good Fall Weight Top Covert Overcoat, worth \$18.50 to \$15.00.



Our Children's Department

Is brightened up for our GRAND HOLIDAY SALE

With an entirely new stock. Good Suits from \$2.00 to \$6.00.



FREE! A pair of Skates free with every boy's Suit or Overcoat from \$3 up.

Our Store Will Be Open Evenings Till Xmas.

MICHAELS'

"The Always Busy Store."

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"The Always Busy Store."

TRY ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE.

A brother to be shared into the shoes. At this moment your feet require a garment that will do its best. It will have starting fast or tight shoes try Allen's Foot Ease at once the feet and ankles will grow warm and swelling less. It is a safe, simple, reliable and uniform. Try it today. Send to all druggists and shoe stores for the "Allen's Foot Ease." Address Allen's Ointment, 76 West St., N.Y.

QUINSY.

How a Lima Lady Was Cured.

MISS MARY F. WALSH, 416 N. West St., Lima, O., writes:

I have been a great sufferer from quinsy for several years and found nothing to relieve me until I used FOLEY'S HONEY & TAR. It cured me entirely and I certainly recommend it as the best throat and lung medicine I ever used. Sold by H. F. VORTKAMP.

EAST VIA WASHINGTON.

New Arrangement for Passengers via Pennsylvania Lines.

On and after Christmas, 1893, the Pennsylvania Lines will sell tickets to Philadelphia and New York, via Washington, D. C., at the same fares as apply over the direct lines of the Pennsylvania System, and allow ten days' stopover at the national capital. For particulars apply to the nearest ticket agent of the Pennsylvania Lines.

Cigars, 12 and 25 in a box, for Xmas trade at the Metropolitan. - 0.11t

He Knew.

Sabbath School Teacher—What is a hypocrite?

Johnny Thickneck—A boy that pretends to enjoy hearin' the minister git off a long bessin' when he takes dinner at the boy's folks' house.—[Puck.]

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Investigating.

Johnny—Papa, do the Eskimo children have Christmas trees and toys and candles?

Papa—I don't think they do, as a rule.

Johnny—Why not, papa? Doesn't Santa Claus believe that charity begins at home?—[Puck.]

Two Pointed Questions Answered.

What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you cannot get a better price for it?

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Preparing to Meet An Attack.

Papa—Don't you think mamma will be angry if you break those Christmas toes?

Johnny—Well—er—if she is, you just say that maybe it kept me out of worse mischief, will you, papa?—[Puck.]

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"Not yet, John Frostberg. Let yet. The demons are still in your heart. Before meeting 'her' you must cast them out. She would not, could not live in such company. Her life has been true and constant, filled with holy thought and suffering, which have chastened and purified it. Her heart is as pure as you left it, and all the tenants which occupied it 20 years ago have gone. A single change has taken place. Your mother is absent, and in her stead there is a grave. There is but one unworthy thing in it. John Frostberg is there."

"God of mercy!" sighed John Frostberg. "Yes, you, John Frostberg, just as certainly and surely as you were the night she went to sleep on your breast under the chestnuts and the elms, just as surely as you were that Christmas eve 23 years ago, when you misinterpreted her joy. She has been watching and waiting. She has known of you; has known that you were consecrated to the demons; has passed you among the great throng, and has looked into your face. It was so changed that she scarcely believed her senses. Your gen-

"I will, I will," exclaimed John Frostberg.

"Stay a moment and hear me," said his guest. "You must cast out the demons which have possessed you. Greed, avarice, revenge and hate and your wretched self must be cast out of your heart, to remain out forever. In their stead you must place back the chestnuts and the elms, the clover blooms and wild flowers, the gentleness and generosity that once dwelt in it, and then 'she' will return."

"I cast them out forever," exclaimed John Frostberg. His face was the picture of agony. Great drops of sweat came from every pore. The demons were not leaving him without a struggle. They were tugging and rending at his heart-strings, determined if possible to burst the tenement they had so long occupied.

"I believe you, John Frostberg," said his guest, "but I must test you. Put on your greatcoat and muffle yourself up. We must take a ride together. I have a sleigh at the door."

CHAPTER IV.

Without remonstrance or word, John Frostberg obeyed his guest. Coat, muffler and gloves were soon on, and as he placed his hat on his head the guest led the way to the sleigh. It looked as if made of mist, and as he stepped into it he feared that it would fall to pieces with his weight. He noticed that while the air was filled with snowflakes, there was none in the sleigh, though it must have stood in the storm for an hour. As he took his seat, invisible bands tucked robes about him until he was almost smothered. The horses were of the same material as the sleigh. They did not look like flesh and blood, but like fog. The guest, who had now become host, gathered up the reins and at the word the team fairly flew. There were no bells on the horses, and as they dashed over the snow bed not a sound was made. On they flew through narrow streets until they reached Widenway. Here they met sleighs which were filled with young of both sexes, singing, shouting and laughing until the air was weighted with their merrymaking. As the sleighs passed "Merry Christmas" came from many voices. The host responded, "Merry Christmas!" but John Frostberg sat in silence. The sidewalks were thronged with people, hurrying to and fro, entering stores, only to reappear with arms filled with packages and the pockets of their great-coats packed with them. The streets were brilliantly illuminated, and the show windows of the stores were marvels of beauty and taste. Notwithstanding the intense cold, everybody was happy, and smiling faces greeted smiling faces at every turn, while the sound of little chattering voices penetrated the streets as the store doors were opened.

"Go along!" said the host to the horses, and the pace was increased. They flew past a large sleigh. John Frostberg noticed that it was filled with children, girls and boys, in the midst of whom stood an elderly man with snow white hair and beard. Whenever it met a bevy of children, it stopped.

"Jump in!" cried the elderly man. "It looks crowded, but it is not. There's room for a million more! I have driven this sleigh for over 1,800 years and have never had it full. Jump in, darlings, jump in!"

"When morning came, he was gone. I thought that he had returned to his home, and feeling that he had misinterpreted my laugh I wrote him, wherein I told him with more truth than modesty how dearly I loved him. He never received that letter. His mother did, and after keeping it for years returned it to me. When I found that he was gone, no one knew where, I returned to the homestead, to our mother, for such she has always been to me. She comforted me by saying, "He will return. He will write to me, and I will send him your letter. Then, could he command the winds, they would be too slow for his return." She stilled my throbbing heart by resting it agains her own. We waited, but he came not. Her sorrow, though never uttered, ate her heart. One evening she drew me close to her breast and said, "I am going to leave you; then he will return."

"Oh, no, you must not—shall not!" I exclaimed. "If you go, he will never return. While you remain there is hope. Without you there is none."

"He will return. He will return," she faintly murmured, bursting into passionate tears. When I had wept myself calm, I gazed into her face. I was with the dead. Desolation of desolation! The sweet, kind messenger who released her sorrowing soul denied himself to me. I was then alone indeed. The weary years came and went burdened with disappointments. The estate proved insolvent, and my little all was swallowed up with the rest. I returned to the

Away they dashed, heedless of accidents and fearless of danger. The sun had ceased to fall and the heavens were sparkling with a million comets. The streets were in such a blaze that night appeared to be challenging day.

John Frostberg began to feel a little weariness. He pressed away one of the robes which were cast around him, so that his neck twisted like a bow.

"It is much warmer here than down town. That is a bleak, cold place of mine."

"Temperature is about the same, but the surroundings are different. Besides you are thawing, John Frostberg. Yes, thawing. Let us live Wideway; it is crowded with the rich. Let us go where we can see the poor."

"The poor, the poor," muttered John Frostberg, as though he were trying to comprehend the meaning of the two words.

"Yes, the poor. You do not know much about them. You have seldom seen their faces. Often you have seen their outstretched, withered, bony hands; you could not avoid them as you did their faces. I want you to see them—look into their hungry eyes and hollow cheeks and wasted features. The sight may help to thaw you."

On through the side streets flew the horses until they reached a point where the streets were narrow and the dwellings in bad repair and dingy with age. The sleigh stopped in front of a small one story frame building. An old fashioned square window, extending two feet from the house, was dimly lighted by a lamp. There was glass on three sides, panes small and dirty at the corners, while the centers were bright and clean. Strings were stretched across, and from these dangled cakes, little bunches of candies, bunches of raisins, with here and there a toy—aapple, a tin horse and carriage, with other common toys, such as the shopkeeper thought would suit the purchasing ability of his customers. Extending from the front of the window sill were pies, piles of cake and parcels of candy. Crowding around this window, with noses pressed against the panes, were ragged children. Some were hatless and others capless, while all the girls were shawlless, and most of them were without bonnets. There they stood shivering in the cold, gaping into the window with mouths and eyes. Occasionally a child no better clad than those who thronged the sidewalk came running into the street, entered the shop and spent a penny or two. The purchaser was the envy of the ragged crew. When the shop was without customers, little old man with a wizened face would reach over the pies and cakes and give the string hanging between the loins of the supple Jack a pull. Jack would kick his own head and tingle his long legs with his long arms. The ragged crew clapped their hands and shouted with laughter at the antics of the toy.

"Do it some more. Make him kick himself again," they shouted.

"Only 5 cents for that delicious supple Jack," remarked too little wizened shopkeeper. "Can't none of ye git 5 cents for to buy him?"

John Frostberg looked at the ragged crowd and muttered, "These are the children of the poor." Then turning to his host he said, "Don't you think it is getting very warm?" at the same time pushing the robes from his person.

Before the host could reply they heard a child crying.

"What is that?" asked John Frostberg, stretching his neck in an endeavor to see.

"They are lying on rags. There is no bed under them. No sheet, nor blanket, nor coverlet over them. Nothing but rags. She—pointing to the sleeping woman—"gathered them off the streets and washed them so as to make covering for her babes. Did you ever see her face, John Frostberg?"

"No, never."

"That was because you would not look at it. Perhaps you would recognize her hands. You have seen them. She has turned her face full upon you, that you might read in its expression the sight you now see, but you would not look at it. In her extremity she went down to the busy mart, leaning in her arms this little wasted form, clutching one of the babes, that she might attest the truth of her story with its pleading face. Woe, woe, she ran on year steps and was there when you came from change. She held out her hand and asked you to look. Did you do it? No. You asked where were the faithless officers of the law that they did not bring her to prison. At the end of the word "prison" she sprang from your steps. She had but one thought, and that was to reach her other. She dragged to prison, it would be let in this desolate room to starve and die. She fled from your cruelty to this wretched home. She will starve here if one single resource fails. Her benefactor is a ragpicker, who occupies a low-rent room. He keeps her and the babe alive."

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"I hawing, John Frostberg, thawing."

"Do not mock me, rather pity me. I have been living a lie. Help me to live the truth. Show me the way."

"You are on it, John Frostberg, you are on it," replied the host.

A rap at the door interrupted. In an instant the light which made everything so visible went out, and dead darkness prevailed.

"Who is there?" asked the woman.

"It is only me, old friend."

"God bless you, God bless you!" murmured the woman as she felt her way to the door, on opening which a stoop shouldered man of 60 entered, bearing in one hand a lighted tallow dip and in the other a basket.

"Yes, it's me. It's late to be disturbing you, but I found such a nice piece of carpet today, and that as how I knew it would keep the babies warm. So I washed it and dried it and here it is clean and warm and dry, and it'll cover them sweetly, as it's gettin' cold er."

The girl scratched her head where the old man had touched, then started down the street, with her face turned back to the shop window.

The host whistled and the horses started. He gave a little jerk, when they left the earth and commenced prancing through the air. Noticing the horses' flight, John Frostberg grasped his host tightly and a cabriolet.

"What does this mean? We are flying through the air and not on the streets."

"Just an elevated road, John Frostberg; that is all. Just as late as you were on terra firma, I'll hold me tight. We would never be able to get through the labyrinth of these buildings, so we will just stop in through the windows. We will not disturb them, though they walk easily. It is difficult to sleep when you are hungry and cold, and most of these tormenting people are hungry and cold."

The horse stopped at a fifth story window. The host touched the sash, and it flew up at by magic.

"Step in lightly; she is asleep, and so are her babes. Follow me, and you will not stir dib over anything."

Through dark when they entered, the room was instantly flooded with light,



He held her to the window.

just sufficiently strong to make everything in the room distinctly visible. Asleep on a chair, her head resting on a little stool, was a woman. In the grate a few coals were burning. There was no carpet on the floor or other furniture in the room.

"Where is her bed?" asked John Frostberg.

"Where?" echoed his host.

On the floor in the corner of the room was what appeared to be a pile of rags. The host led the way to them.

"Pick up a handful," he said.

John Frostberg did so and exposed the faces of two children. "Mercy! They are children!" he exclaimed.

"Yes," replied the host, "sleeping too. These rags are their covering."

"Rags for bedclothes?" said John Frostberg.

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Christmas Eve.

His Little Son—And will Santa Claus come down the chimney to night?

The Suburbanite—Yes, my boy.

His Little Son—Will he bring us a new cook?—[Puck.]

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At No. 82 Warwick Ave., Zanesville, O., lives Mrs. R. H. Mills, who relates the following experience: "I have used Dr. Hand's Teething Lotion and find it all that it claims to be. Our little boy cut his teeth so hard that he almost had spasms. Bathing the gums with the Lotion would relieve him immediately. He knows the bottle better than all others and would cry for it. I advise every mother who has teething children to use Dr. Hand's Teething Lotion. At all druggists, 25c."

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Second Suburbanite—Is that so?

First Suburbanite—Yes. Some mornings I can't remember whether I'm to bring back a cook or not.—[Puck.]

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Attempt at Bank Robbery.

Cincinnati, Dec. 23.—Three men attempted to steal a large amount of money at the German National bank. They came in at the front door and walked directly to the desk of Cashier Herzog. He was counting the money after the close of business and had a large amount of it on the counter. One of the men reached through the window in the wire screen and attempted to seize the pile of greenbacks. The cashier struck him on the hand and the man seeing that their effort was futile, ran out of the bank and down to the river landing. The police on both sides of the river are searching for the robbers.

In Complete Control.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Encouraging reports of the condition of affairs in Manila and Porto Rico reached the war department from the officers commanding the troops in those departments. The dispatches from both General Otis at Manila and General Henry at San Juan were in response to telegraphic inquiries by the secretary of war based on reports of disquieting nature which have reached the officials here. That from General Otis was particularly gratifying to the president and Secretary Alger.

To Utilize Niagara.

Pittsburg, Dec. 23.—The Miller Electric Construction company of Pittsburg has invented a new plan to utilize the power of Niagara Falls, and it is expected will begin the first of the year, necessitating the expenditure of about \$500,000. It is proposed to erect a large building close to the falls, being kept in place by anchors and heavy iron cables. With a series of contrivances it is expected to utilize all the force of the falling water.

Fittingly Celebrated.

Cincinnati, Dec. 23.—Forefathers' day was celebrated here in all the public schools with historical exercises. At the New England banquet at the Grand hotel over 100 plates were turned down. Major General Nelson A. Miles and Inspector General J. C. Breckinridge, who arrived from Washington, were the guests of honor and responded respectively to "The spirit of New England" and "Santiago's duty."

Mexico Section.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The state department has just received from the Mexican government a draft for \$5,000, to be held to the heirs of Henry Hoppe, a native of New Orleans. Hoppe had been working in Mexico and while travelling in the mountains of Oaxaca, he was brutally murdered by one of the Mexican rural, or native constabulary. Who are retained for the express purpose of protecting travelers.

Feast an Election.

Madrid, Dec. 23.—Most of the Liberal leaders whom Senor Sagasta has consulted, strongly oppose a dissolution of the cortes on the ground that it would be imprudent to plunge the country into an electoral agitation under existing conditions. Senor Montero Rios and others urge that every effort be made to remite the Liberal party.

Mrs. Botkin Testifies.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—The defense of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin for the murder of Mrs. John P. Dunning opened, but the progress made in the breaking down of the case of the prosecution was very slight. Mrs. Botkin was on the stand and contradicted the testimony of the state.

Daughter of the Governor.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 23.—Charles Christian Beatty, a wealthy coal operator, and Miss Bessie Kate, the oldest daughter of Governor Atkinson, were married at the executive mansion.

By an Electric Car.

Warren, O., Dec. 23.—Mrs. John Rehm, 66, was run over and killed by an electric car.

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JOHN A. SEVERNS

Commits Suicide by Shooting on Account of ill Health.

Bethel, Dec. 23.—John A. Severns, superintendent of the D. M. Ferry & Son company, committed suicide at his residence. Mr. Severns was aroused from his sleep by the shots and found his husband lying dead on the kitchen floor, with one bullet in his head, another through his heart, and the revolver still clutched in his hand.

Mr. Severns had been in poor health for some time, and is said to have shown signs of dementia. He was 49 years of age, and a son of Judge Stevens of the United States district court of Grand Rapids.

Granite Gas Company.

Pittsburg, Dec. 23.—The gigantic consolidation of the local gas, light and heating companies was consummated, the capital invested exceeding \$26,000,000. An idea of the incorporation of the combine will be appreciated when it is stated that one company will in the future control the gas, light and heating supply of Pittsburg and Allegheny and will have absolute power to make, raise or lower the price to all consumers.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23.—The Dominion Coal company, operating in Cape Breton, have closed down the Bridgeport mine, one of the oldest collieries, as unsafe. It is proposed to sink a monster shaft between Bridgeport and Glace Bay, from which to do all the mining.

Steubenville, O., Dec. 23.—William Laurent, 45, a German gardener, committed suicide at Reed's mills by taking paris green. He had been on a protracted spree and swallowed the poison while in that condition.

Furniture Dealer Fails.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 23.—W. S. Allen, one of the largest furniture dealers in this city made an assignment to J. J. Fay, president of the Citizens' bank, his liabilities being \$55,000; assets \$70,000.

Partially Destroyed.

Springfield, O., Dec. 23.—Part of M. Steele's company's shops were burned down by a fire which originated in a big cannot stove. Loss \$3,000.

It Was an Accident.

Steubenville, O., Dec. 23.—Willis Drayer, 10, was accidentally shot and killed with a rifle in the hands of James Wilson, a playmate.

More British Warships.

London, Dec. 23.—The British admiralty, it is reported, has just placed orders for four warships with ship-builders on the Clyde.

Treasury Statement.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Statement of the condition of the treasury: Available cash balance, \$220,127,309; gold reserve, \$246,027,638.

Fire and Water.

St. Paul, O., Dec. 23.—John Poorman's dry goods store was badly damaged by fire and water. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

Market Reports.

Grain and Stock Quotations For Dec. 22.

Pittsburg.

Cattle—Extra \$5 30/5 45; prime, \$5 00/5 25; good, \$4 80/4 90; tidy, \$4 70/4 75; fair, \$4 10/4 35; Jeffers, \$3 50/4 40; bulls, stags and cows, \$3 25/3 00; fresh hogs and springers, \$3 00/2 00; calves—\$3 00/2 00.

Hogs—Best hogs, \$3 45/3 50; best medium, \$3 30/3 45; best Yorkers, \$3 30/3 40; medium, \$3 15/3 20; fair Yorkers and pigs, \$3 25/3 30.

Sheep and Lambs—Choice sheep, \$4 40/3 50; good, \$4 25/3 40; fair, \$4 00/3 20; choice lambs, \$4 00/3 20; common, \$3 00/2 80.

Chickens—\$2 00/1 75; turkeys, \$2 00/1 75; geese, \$2 00/1 75; pigeons, \$1 50/1 50.

Buffalo.

Cattle—Butchers, \$3 00/2 00; steers, \$2 50/2 50; cows and heifers, \$2 50/2 50.

Calves—\$2 00/1 75.

Hogs—\$2 00/1 75; medium, \$1 50/1 50; pigs, \$1 50/1 50.

Bulls—\$2 00/1 75; fair, \$1 50/1 50; good, \$1 25/1 25.

Sheep and Lambs—Good to choice lambs, \$3 00/2 00; yearlings, \$2 50/2 50; ewes, \$2 00/1 75; lambs, \$2 00/1 75.

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Bulls—\$2 00/1 75.

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Calves—\$2 00/1 75; pigs, \$1 50/1 50.

Sheep and Lambs—Good to prime lambs, \$3 00/2 00; yearlings, \$2 50/2 50; ewes, \$2 00/1 75; western sheep, \$3 00/2 00.

Chickens—\$2 00/1 75; turkeys, \$2 00/1 75; geese, \$2 00/1 75; pigeons, \$1 50/1 50.

JOYOUSLY

Merry Christmas Bells

Will Ring Forth in Lima Sunday and Monday.

Programmes for the Appropriate Services That Will Be Held in the Various Churches.

Christmas songs are singing throughout the world to-day. For our hearts are singing. Let Christmas live & away!

Christ Episcopal Church Sunday School will celebrate the Christmas Festival, Holy Innocents' Day, Wednesday evening, December 23rd, 6 o'clock.

ORDER OF SERVICE IN CHURCH.

Processional: "Washed their Evening prayer: "O God, we thank Thee.

Address: "O God, we thank Thee.

Song: "Offering of gifts for less fortunate children (clothes, toys, games, fruit, candy, etc.).

Carol: "Hallelujah! Christ is come." Recessional: "Choir, Sunday School and congregation, from church to parish room.

Entertainment in parish room—"The Visit of St. Nicholas."

REV. G. F. GLADING HOYT, Rector.

S. MORTIMER WILLIAMS, Precentor.

EPWORTH M. E. CHURCH

To-morrow morning will hold a special Christmas service of song and praise, and at the conclusion of the service will give the little people of the Sabbath School a nice Christmas treat.

REV. D. R. COOK, Pastor.

MARKET STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH S. S.

Will on Monday evening present a Christmas cantata entitled "The Crowning of Christmas." The characters represented will be as follows:

New Year's Day—Beatrice Campbell and attendants

Winter—Gladys Butler

Spring—Ruby Oliver

Summer—Mabel Johnson

Autumn—Chairman, Pearl Gresham

Grace Robinson and Walton Thomson

Valentine Day—Mary Arthur

Washington's Birthday—Carl Roland

Children's Day—Minerva Bleum, attendants, Lillian McLaughlin and Margaret Thompson

Independence Day—Clara Thompson, assistants, Margaret Mitchell and Marie Becker, Carl Deakin and Lee Pauls

Thanksgiving Day—Lena Stanford

Christmas Day—Santa Claus

Page—Willard Ginter

Crown Bearer—Kathryn Pauls

The song service accompanying the various characters through their parts is of a high order. After the appearance of Santa Claus follows the distribution of bon bons to the members of the school.

REV. R. J. THOMSON, Pastor.

Mr. L. H. KIRBY, Supt.

Christmas service of Sunday school of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Organ: "Voluntary—Miss Rose Taber. Responsive Reading—Minister and School Prayer.

Song—"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."

Address of Deacons—Benjamin Moller

Recitation—"Christmas Carol"—Maud Hunter

Song—"Silent Night"—Irene Conrad

Marguerite Harboldt, Maud Hunter, Blanche Fisher, Marguerite Burns

Recitation—"When Christmas Comes"—Lee Carter

Christmas Song—"Go to Bethlehem"—Robert Holman, Ivy Stout, Ray Beatty, Bertha Long, Fred Kramer, Blanche Fasser, Carl Ende, Ruth Kissel, Charles Bratz

Responsive Reading—Miss Anna Wilkins

Supervisor and School

Song—"Little Children—Jesus, Jesus, Born This Morning"—

What Christmas Brought—Marguerite Burns

Recitation—"The Song and Story of Santa Claus"—Anna Wilkins

Recitation—"The Angels' Message"—Margery Harboldt

Song—"Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem."

Recitation—"Harp of the Sea"—Mabel Johnson

Recitation—"Legion of the Xmas Tree"—John Conrad

Lighting of Christmas Tree

Collection for Foreign Mission

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

REV. KOHLER, Pastor.

CHAS. VOGEL, Supt.

Trinity Methodist Church Sunday school will give a sacred concert to-morrow evening. A fine programme of music and readings is being arranged for the occasion.

The German Reformed Church Sunday school will on Sunday eve, at seven o'clock, have the pleasure of listening to and seeing the following programme:

CANTATA—EMANUEL

Scripture Lesson—by Rev. Land

Prayer—by Rev. Land

Responsive Reading—by Superintendent and School

Declaration—by Master Henry Detel

Benediction—by Rev. Land

Lantern drill and song by twenty-five little girls of Miss Klein's and Mr. Cantiency's classes.

Candle drill by twenty-five tiny little girls of classes belonging to Miss Barbara Shultz and Miss Minnie Shultz.

Sleigh bell song, with bell, by fifteen boys of Miss Herold's and Miss Mary Cantiency's classes.

Infant class songs and speeches, with penny collection for Orphans' Home.

Responsive service by fifteen girls of Miss Mollie Koch's class, entitled, "The Cross, the Star and the Crown," accompanied by candle bearers. Then the classes of Dr. F. G. Stueber and Rev. Land, composed of twenty boys, surround Miss Lenore Kissel, who represents the Goddess of Liberty, all singing "The Red, White and Blue," saluting the flag and forming a tableau. After this the Christmas tree is lighted and gifts presented to children.

REV. PAUL LAND, Pastor.

MR. JACOB MOSER, Supt.

Prayer—Opening Address—Aren Nindle Recitation—Address to the United States—Joseph Zellner Recitation—A Message to Santa Claus—Helen Nease

Song—The Toy Story—John E. Hayes Recitation—Johanna's Observation—John E. Hayes Recitation—Night After Christmas—Walter H. Smith Recitation—Make a Present to Yourself—Walter H. Smith

Recitation—Christmas in the States—Alpha Johns Recitation—Polly's Plan—Inez Mechan Recitation—A Christmas Carol—George Easton

Song—Good Tidings—Lynn Kroll Recitation—Christmas—Lynn Kroll Recitation—An exercise in instant class—Merry Xmas—Lynn Kroll Recitation—Little Joe—Nellie Knapp Recitation—Little Santa Claus—Nellie Knapp

Recitation—Old Father Santa Claus—Garlie Finch Recitation—You Little Maid and Our Little Man—Mollie Arnold

Song—A Sweet Star—Walter H. Smith Recitation—Santa Claus—Mary Shadrif Recitation—I Have a Little Sister—Dale Ralston

Recitation—Christmas in the Skies—Florence Mechling

Song—Two Little Snowmen—Lulu Davis

Song—Little Jim—Gordon Holmes

Song—The Little Santa Comes—Kens Johnson

Distribution of Christmas Treat—Rev. L. J. Miller, Pastor

ME. J. D. CONYATT, Superintendent.

MAIN STREET PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL MONDAY EVENING.

Address and Song of Welcome—Mrs. Smith's Class

Invocation—Mr. Edmund Smith

Recitation—Jessie Stilman

Recitation—Eddie Muller

Christmas Welcome (patriotic tune)—School

Recitation—Reading—Kenneth Morris

Reading—Corn Davis

Recitation—Helen White

Song—Good Old Santa Claus—Grace Mullin

Song—Dew and Lucille Ford

Recitation—Eva Muller

Letter from Santa Claus—Hattie Kelly

Anteum—Rev. Smith, Messenger

Song—Christmas Fairies—Choir

Recitation—Twelve Little Girls—Fern Harvey

Recitation—Bessie Miller

Class Recitation—Mrs. Schrader's Class

Recitation—Susi Hutchinson

Recitation—Laurie Davis

Song—"I'm a Little Devil"—School

Recitation—Lulu Davis

Recitation—Frank Ridenour

Recitation—Donald Peck

Enter Uncle Sam—Address

Response—James Weld

"My Country 'Tis of Thee"—School

Closing Exercises—Good Night—Rev. W. G. SMITH, Pastor

MR. HOUTZEE, Supt.

Wayne Street Church of Christ Sunday school, Saturday evening, will present a cantata entitled "Dolliekin's Flat." The curtain rises disclosing a city play ground full of children playing with dolls; various girls sing solos, march and drill and take care of their dolls. The little mothers are Mary Davis, Stella Shook, Ethel Smith, Lucille Godfrey, Ilow Mitchell, Nora Conrad, Hazel Axline, Rhea Weaver, Nellie Chapman, Agnes Maxwell, Myrtle Chapman, Ola Wingate. Soloists: Violet Lewis, Lulu Davis, Nellie Fisher, James Mitchell. Pianist, Mrs. H. Tracy. Santa Claus, M. W. Sutton. Santa, after a while, finds them asleep and distributes gifts to all. Collection.

REV. CHAPMAN, Pastor.

MR. H. TRACY, Supt.

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20 Per Cent. Off.

For Saturday only Hoover Bros. will give 20 per cent off for cash on everything in the store.

MARRIED

Wednesday at Lafayette.

Geo. W. Ragen, of Upper Sandusky, and Miss Maerva Hildebrand, of Lafayette, were united in marriage at 4 o'clock last Wednesday afternoon. The wedding occurred at the home of the bride in Lafayette in the presence of about a score of friends, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Ersleben, of the M. E. church. After congratulations were over, all were ushered into the dining room, where there was a table loaded with the good things of earth, gotten up in the most appetizing style. The happy couple will make their home in Lafayette among their many friends.

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For Saturday only Hoover Bros. will give 20 per cent off for cash on everything in the store.

BLACK CREPONS.

The finest assortment of Black Crepon Dress Goods "special" for Christmas trade were put on sale this week. We never saw a handsomer assortment of Black Crepons. Gentlemen, a skirt pattern of one of these choice Crepons would make an elegant Christmas gift for your mother, wife, sister or daughter.

C. E. BLUERM, 8-2t 57 Public Square.

20 Per Cent. Off.

For Saturday only Hoover Bros. will give 20 per cent off for cash on everything in the store.

Now is the Time

To buy your Christmas Shoes and Slippers at GOODING'S 230 North Main St.

Cream for Christmas at the Lima Dairy Co. Both phones 155.

COMPANY C

Has Not Been Forgotten by the Committee of Ten.

Another Effort Will Be Made to Have the Boys Mustered Out.

The announcement recently published from Washington that plans are being made for the mustering out of 50,000 of the volunteer troops in service, has occasioned a renewed determination of the committee of ten citizens appointed several months ago, to endeavor to have Co. C mustered out of service and returned to Lima. The members of the committee met in the city book store this morning, but as yet no definite plan of action has been determined upon. However, it is certain that if there is any possibility of having the Second included in the list of troops to be mustered out, the committee will take advantage of the opportunity.

HANDKERCHIEFS

For Christmas gifts, put up in a neat box, at

G. E. BLUERM'S, 8-2t 57 Public Square.

Trimmed and untrimmed hats at half price at Miss Murphy's. w fr

Give us a call, please! See what we have to offer. We can give you better satisfaction in FUNERAL DESIGNS, more tastefully arranged and better bows than any other in the city. We have the experience and the facilities.

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Now is the Time

To buy your Christmas Shoes and Slippers at GOODING'S, 230 North Main St.

YOUR LAST CHANCE to-day and to-morrow. Ye business men of little time, don't waste it looking around, but go straight to F. E. Harman's. You can get something there to please you.

DOLLS.

Buy them at your own price to-night and to-morrow at Carroll & Cooney's.

Removal Notice.

Dr. Boyer begs to announce the removal of his office to suite 29 and 30 opera house block. Take elevator.

59-60

Old Mission naval oranges, the product of Lima enterprise in California.

F. E. HARMAN.

THE SALVATION ARMY

Will Give a Christmas Dinner.

DEAR FRIENDS.—Last Christmas day

the Salvation Army supplied dinners

and otherwise brought comfort and cheer to over \$100,000 poor people

throughout the United States. This

year it is proposed to provide for

100,000, with the assistance of the

generous hearted people of Lima. The

Salvation army is arranging to give

dinners to 300 or 400 in this city. It

is a big undertaking, but we have the

men and women who will gladly do

the work, and we feel assured the

means will be forthcoming. The Sal

vation Army hall has been secured for

the public dinner. We shall arrange

to send out baskets of provisions to

families and thus enable them to en

joy a Christmas dinner in the privacy